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 The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy  
 The Attorney General  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

As I review the course of the Powers-Pryor-Abel exchange and the subsequent events, which I followed very closely, I believe the cooperation and coordination between this Agency and the Departments of State and Justice are noteworthy. The contribution of the Department of Justice was essential and most effective, and I was impressed by the manner in which the Department was able to take the necessary actions and in particular to move Rudolf I. Abel as needed and still maintain the necessary security.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all those members of the Department of Justice who took part in this event.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone  
 Director

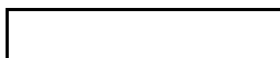
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